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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE BEFORE THE TRADEMARK TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

Notice of Opposition

Notice is hereby given that the following party opposes registration of the indicated application.

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Applicant Information

Application No	85805403	Publication date	05/14/2013
Opposition Filing Date	06/05/2013	Opposition Period Ends	06/13/2013
Applicant	Oberoi Networks, Inc. 13609 Sand Pebble Chase Houston, TX 77077 UNITED STATES		

Goods/Services Affected by Opposition

Class 005. First Use: 2012/12/00 First Use In Commerce: 2012/12/00
All goods and services in the class are opposed, namely: Herbal supplements

Grounds for Opposition

Priority and likelihood of confusion	Trademark Act section 2(d)
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Marks Cited by Opposer as Basis for Opposition

U.S. Application No.	85769427	Application Date	11/01/2012
Registration Date	NONE	Foreign Priority Date	NONE
Word Mark	CONTROL		
Design Mark			
Description of Mark	NONE		

Goods/Services	Class 005. First use: First Use: 2002/07/01 First Use In Commerce: 2002/07/01 Herbal supplements for Sexual Enhancement; Natural supplements for treating erectile dysfunction				
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Goods/Services		Herbal supplements for Sexual Enhancement; Natural supplements for treating erectile dysfunction			
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Word Mark		CONTROL ALL NATURAL SEXUAL ENHANCEMENT			
Goods/Services		Herbal supplements for Sexual Enhancement; Natural supplements for treating erectile dysfunction			

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Signature	/Matt Schneller/
Name	Matt Schneller
Date	06/05/2013

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE BEFORE THE TRADEMARK TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

NANETTE CARLEY d/b/a BIOCEUTICALS, Petitioner.

VS.

OBEROI NETWORKS, INC. Registrant

Opposition No.:

NOTICE OF OPPOSITION

Ser. No.: 85805403

Mark: XTRA CONTROL

International Class: 5 Filed: Dec. 18, 2012

Publication date: May 14, 2013

NOTICE OF OPPOSITION

Nanette Carley d/b/a Bioceuticals ("Bioceuticals" or "Petitioner") believes that it will be damaged by the registration of the mark XTRA CONTROL ("Oberoi's Mark") as registered in Ser. No.: 85805403, filed on December 18, 2012 ("Oberoi's Application"), filed by Oberoi Networks, Inc. ("Oberoi").

THE PARTIES

- 1. Bioceuticals has a place of business at 14090 FM 2920, Suite C, Tomball, Texas 77377.
- 2. Oberoi is a Texas corporation with a place of business at 13609 Sand Pebble Chase, Houston, TX 77077.

BIOCEUTICALS AND ITS COMMON LAW CONTROL MARK

- 3. Bioceuticals was established in 2001 and has long provided a variety of natural and/or herbal supplements, including without limitation natural and/or herbal supplements for sexual enhancement and/or treating erectile dysfunction.
- 4. Bioceuticals owns common-law trademark rights in the CONTROL word mark and the CONTROL ALL NATURAL SEXUAL ENHANCEMENT word mark, for herbal supplements for sexual enhancement, and Bioceuticals has used those marks in connection with

such herbal supplements since at least as early as December 2007 and the marks remains in use for those goods.

OBEROI AND OBEROI'S APPLICATION

- 5. Oberoi filed Oberoi's Application for XTRA CONTROL for "herbal supplements" in International Class 5 on December 18, 2012 ("Oberoi's Filing Date"), which was assigned Serial No. 85/805,403.
 - 6. Oberoi's Application was published for opposition on May 14, 2013.
- 7. Oberoi's Application claims first use and first use in commerce on December 2012 for the goods in Class 5.
- 8. Therefore, Oberoi's filing date of December 18, 2012 is Oberoi's earliest claimed priority date ("Oberoi's Claimed First Use Date").

BIOCEUTICALS HAS PRIORITY IN ITS COMMON-LAW CONTROL MARKS

- 9. Bioceuticals used its common law Marks CONTROL and CONTROL ALL NATURAL SEXUAL ENHANCEMENT prior to Oberoi's Claimed First Use Date. Bioceuticals sold and shipped its natural and/or herbal supplements for sexual enhancement and/or treating erectile dysfunction in commerce in the United States to more than forty states prior to the December 2007. Bioceuticals sold and shipped its natural and/or herbal supplements for sexual enhancement and/or treating erectile dysfunction under its common law CONTROL and CONTROL ALL NATURAL SEXUAL ENHANCEMENT marks to more than thirty purchasers in Texas prior to December 2007.
- 10. On November 1, 2012, Bioceuticals filed trademark applications for CONTROL (serial number 85/769,427) and CONTROL ALL NATURAL SEXUAL ENHANCEMENT

(serial number 85/768,951). Status and title copies of each, from the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office's TSDR database, are appended to this Notice of Opposition as Appendix 1.

11. Bioceuticals' CONTROL (serial number 85/769,427) and CONTROL ALL NATURAL SEXUAL ENHANCEMENT (serial number 85/768,951) trademark applications were filed prior to Oberoi's Claimed First Use Date.

LIKELIHOOD OF CONFUSION

- 12. Oberoi's XTRA CONTROL word mark fully encompasses and is confusingly similar to Bioceuticals' CONTROL mark and is confusingly similar to and CONTROL ALL NATURAL SEXUAL ENHANCEMENT marks.
- 13. The word XTRA as part of the mark in Oberoi's Application modifies the word CONTROL.
 - 14. The word XTRA, a homonym of "extra," is a laudatory and weak term.
- 15. Bioceuticals avers that Oberoi's supplements and Bioceuticals' supplements are both provided to purchasers of dietary and/or herbal supplements, including without limitation purchasers of supplements targeted to sexual enhancement.
- 16. Bioceuticals further avers that Oberoi's goods are related to those of Bioceuticals under its CONTROL and CONTROL ALL NATURAL SEXUAL ENHANCEMENT marks.
- 17. Bioceuticals further avers that Oberoi's goods are competitive since Oberoi's supplements and Bioceuticals' supplements are both provided to purchasers of dietary and/or herbal supplements, including without limitation purchasers of supplements targeted to sexual enhancement.
- 18. Bioceuticals further avers that consumers are likely to believe that Oberoi's goods are provided by, sponsored by, or affiliated with Bioceuticals.

- 19. Bioceuticals further avers that Oberoi's Mark so resembles Bioceuticals' marks and Bioceuticals' goods as to be likely, when applied to Oberoi's supplements, to cause confusion, to cause mistake, and to deceive the public with consequent injury to Bioceuticals, the trade, and the public.
- 20. Bioceuticals further avers that it will be damaged if Oberoi's Application is allowed to be registered, because consumers and prospective consumers are likely to be confused, mistaken, or deceived into believing that Oberoi or Oberoi's goods are connected with, sponsored by, or approved by Bioceuticals. Any defect, object, or fault found with Oberoi's goods marketed or sold under Oberoi's Mark will reflect upon and seriously injure the valuable reputation that Bioceuticals has established for its CONTROL supplements and/or CONTROL ALL NATURAL SEXUAL ENHANCEMENT supplements. Registration of Oberoi's Mark would also damage Bioceuticals because such registration would improperly award a statutory exclusive right to Oberoi in violation and derogation of the prior and superior rights of Bioceuticals, and unduly narrows the scope of protection afforded to Bioceuticals under its common law rights, all in contravention of 15 U.S.C. § 1052(d).
- 21. Because there is a likelihood of confusion between Oberoi's Mark and Bioceuticals' senior rights in Bioceuticals' marks, registration of Oberoi's Application should be refused under 15 U.S.C. § 1064. Registration of Oberoi's Application would be inconsistent with Bioceuticals' senior rights in the CONTROL and CONTROL ALL NATURAL SEXUAL ENHANCEMENT marks. Bioceuticals and the public are and will continue to be damaged by registration of Oberoi's mark.

WHEREFORE, for any of all of the claims above, Bioceuticals respectfully prays that its Notice of Opposition be sustained and that the Oberoi Application be refused registration. This Notice of Opposition is filed according to the rules governing electronic submissions to the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board, including payment of the requisite \$300 fee.

DATED: June 5, 2013.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that this NOTICE OF OPPOSITION is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail on June 5, 2013 in an envelope addressed to the listed correspondent for the Oberoi and the filing correspondent for the Oberoi application:

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Oberoi Networks, Inc. 13609 Sand Pebble Chase Houston, TX 77077

Signature: /Matthew D. Schneller/

Respectfully submitted,

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APPENDIX 1

TSDR Status and Title Copies for Ser. Nos. 85/769,427 and 85/768,951

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Mark: CONTROL

Control

US Serial Number: 85769427 Application Filing Date: Nov. 01, 2012

Filed as TEAS Plus: Yes Currently TEAS Plus: Yes

Register: Principal

Mark Type: Trademark

Status: An Office action suspending further action on the application has been sent (issued) to the applicant. To view all documents in this file,

click on the Trademark Document Retrieval link at the top of this page.

Status Date: May 15, 2013

Mark Information

Mark Literal Elements: CONTROL

Standard Character Claim: Yes. The mark consists of standard characters without claim to any particular font style, size, or color.

Mark Drawing Type: 4 - STANDARD CHARACTER MARK

Acquired Distinctiveness In whole

Claim:

Goods and Services

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International Class(es): 005 - Primary Class U.S Class(es): 006, 018, 044, 046, 051, 052

Class Status: ACTIVE Basis: 1(a)

First Use: Jul. 01, 2002 **Use in Commerce:** Jul. 01, 2002

Basis Information (Case Level)

Filed Use: Yes Currently Use: Yes Amended Use: No Filed ITU: No Currently ITU: No Amended ITU: No Filed 44D: No Currently 44D: No Amended 44D: No Filed 44E: No Currently 44E: No Amended 44E: No Amended 44E: No Currently 44E: No Amended 44

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